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At dinner his house March 20 Yusuf Yasin showed me Arabic copy Joseph Alsop article just received Saudi Embassy Washington. Article appeared "last day or two" referred King Saud as anchor US Mid-East policy which beginning drag. Went on to say Department officials worried over situation SA; that King's family against him and he is desperation moving closer UAR and Nasser. Yasin said King upset at this "attack" on him in press his friends and wanted it brought my attention. I replied this article unpleasant for King and Yusuf as Department Foreign Minister but not important. Alsop usually inclined be pessimistic and this article presented only his own opinion.

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